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Hon. Jesse M. Furman
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Pauline Beckham, 16-cr-265 (JMF)

Dear Judge Furman:

The Government and counsel for the defendant, Robert Baum, Esq., submit this joint letter in response to the Court's request for the parties' positions on modifying the conditions of the defendant's release to include inpatient drug treatment.

The Government has conferred with the defendant's Probation Officer regarding the availability of inpatient drug treatment for the defendant. The Probation Officer reports that the defendant is eligible for inpatient drug treatment through a program called Samaritan Daytop, and that the program can begin the process of locating a spot for the defendant if this Court orders her to undergo inpatient drug treatment. Part of the protocol at Samaritan Daytop is that people reporting for inpatient drug treatment undergo a detox period at the beginning of their stay.

The Government and the defendant's Probation Officer recommend that this Court modify the conditions of the defendants' release to require her to attend inpatient drug treatment through Samaritan Daytop, and to begin that treatment once the institution has availability, but not earlier than July 30, 2020. Beginning inpatient treatment before July 30 may prevent the defendant from attending scheduled court appearances in her State cases. The defendant is currently subject to home detention, and should remain subject to home detention both prior to her admission to an inpatient drug treatment facility and following her release from such a facility.

Mr. Baum's position is as follows: While Ms. Beckham agrees that in-patient treatment is warranted, Ms. Beckham is concerned that any program she enters should have an appropriate medical component to address her prescribed use and addiction to oxycodone which is essential for her longstanding efforts at pain management due to the numerous knee operations she has had. Our concern is that a pure detox, which simply has her isolated while she stops using oxycodone, could have a significant detrimental physical and mental impact. Accordingly, during the time period before her entry into a treatment program, we ask the Court to direct that Probation make efforts to find a program that has some medical staff available to address her needs and potentially provide medication to ameliorate the loss of her prescribed medication.

The Government and the defendant's Probation Officer do not object to the Probation Office expressing Ms. Beckham's concerns and request to Samaritan Daytop.

Respectfully submitted,

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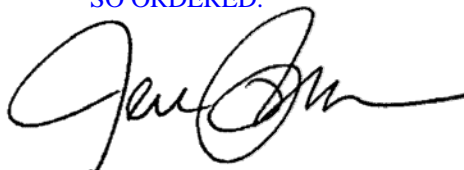
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Pursuant to Rule 32.1(a)(6), the Defendant is released pending adjudication of the specifications, subject to the current conditions of her supervised release and the following condition: She shall attend inpatient drug treatment as directed by the Probation Department (presumably through Samaritan Daytop), to begin treatment once the institution has availability, but not earlier than July 30, 2020. The Defendant shall remain subject to home detention both prior to her admission to an inpatient drug treatment facility and following her release from such a facility. The Court hopes and assumes that whatever facility Defendant attends can and will accommodate her medical needs, including but not limited to any prescription medication she takes. The Probation Department is directed to share any information concerning such treatment with the facility. If there is a problem, counsel should try to sort it out and, failing that, alert the Court.

The Clerk of Court is directed to terminate ECF No. 20.

SO ORDERED.


July 17, 2020